

Charlestown December 4th 1779.

for

the state of my wound, and the actual impotency of my leg, is an indurance to the wish that I have to stay for the next campaign, thereupon, I found, I must remove from this country where the climat is not convenient to the recovery of my health, and yet left to the welfare of my personal affairs — these considerations constrained me to desire your excellency would be pleased to give me leave to go to the west-Indies where I could better provide for both —

the mischance of my last voyage to St Augustine especially when stripped of whatever I was possessed of by the Dolphin a privateer Capt Raymond, had such ill consequences that I am now in the very same circumstances I was in when I reached our army in conjunction with Count D'Estaing before Havana, for in deed since my return here, the state of my affairs could not be repaired, the want of money by the discredit of jointly to the immoderate worth of ware being the cause of it. I thought of petitioning this government for an indemnity, but my being in the continental service has been objected to my intended demands, so that I am forced to make my adres to your excellency to obtain an advance of money, together with the faculty of receiving from the continental stores what commodities I stand in need of, for in deed, a shirt and a summer clothy is all I have, and — without

to his excellency General Lincoln

without coming to a tedious enumeration of my needs
of every sort, I beg leave to mention particularly
only, my horses — at the time when
I was in Georgia, the quarter master put away
my horse from the stable to send it in a graze
from where it was turned out, this the second that
I have lost since my arrival in Charleston,
the other starved to the death with hunger, for
all that I have furnished my self by subsistence
during two months in the continental stable, on that
account a loss of more 1400 dollars; I entreat your
excellency to cause my two horses to be restituted
to me, and you for one continental for a servant
and also to grant me an order where with I
may take in the continental store and office
every necessary supplies for an invalid traveller, just
as you will be please to fix, considering the
urgency of the case, urgency without which never
I would have interrupted your excellency, were we
in other times I should have no occasion for such
claim but the depreciation of our currency compels
me to ask for a supply such as it is provided in
favour of those who are in such case as me —

I am —
with the most profound respect
your Excellency —

your most humble
obedient servant

— De L'Infant —

His Excellency General Lincoln
commanding in chief ^{the} Southern
~~the~~ Army, aide quarter

Charleston

Wm. L. Buford
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